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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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A WELL-SELECTED STOCK,

Comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.

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TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

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A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDIC HORSES.

CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

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BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEY SMITH as General Agent of the Company, an Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 19th January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,

WM. REINERS,

Chairman.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja13

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NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in every style.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja13

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### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

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NOAH'S ARKS.

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BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

## Entertainment.

## GARRISON THEATRE.

BY kind permission of His Excellency the Major General Commanding, PROFESSOR MARCO VITZ IS NOW EXPERIMENTS AT THE GARRISON THEATRE, ON SATURDAY, the 14th instant.

Doors Open at 8.30, and Begin at 9 o'clock.

Tickets to be had at the Doors of the Theatre.

## ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats,.....	\$1.00
Second Class,.....	50
Back Seats,.....	25

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. de15

## Notices to Consignees.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arratoon Apcar*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 7, 1878. de14

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenmore*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m., To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. de13

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## S. S. SINDH AND DJEMNAH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Sindhu*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 19th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

## INTIMATIONS.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to receive patients at No. 7, ABSWORTH ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## LOST.

LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD, in the CITY HALL, a CINGALESE GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photograph. The Finder will please communicate with the Office of this Paper, when a Reward will be given if necessary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

MR. MCNULTY, formerly of the "BRITISH HOTEL," begs to announce that he has taken the "COMMERCIAL INN," 272, Queen's Road Central, and trusts that his Friends and the Public will again favour him with their support.

Hongkong, December 7, 1878. de14

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, DR. EASTLACKE will receive his Patients at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 26, 1878.

## Intimations.

## CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN HONGKONG.

SE saca a Pública Licitación la LIMPIEZA, PINTURA DE FONDOS y algunas pequeñas REPARACIONES que son necesarias en el Transporte de Guerra Español "Patino." Los que deseen hacer Proposiciones pueden enterrarse del Pliego de Condiciones que se halla en este Consulado, en cuya local tendrá lugar la Subasta el LUNES, 16 del Corriente, á las 12 del dia.

Hongkong, 11 de Decembre de 1878.

El Consul. A. MENCARINI.

## NOTICE.

## FOUNDRY AND DOCK, FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute PURCHASE OR LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated at Hongkong, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GODOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORK-SHOES, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 24 acres. The Foundry commands a fine River Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is the most complete for the Building and Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the Terms upon which they will take the above Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Poontung, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about 1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about 4 English acres, with two DWELLING HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of a Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Hankow Road, SHANGHAI.

December 5, 1878. ja2

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FONTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouy.—Landstein & Co.

NAPIRE, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryer.—Messageries Maritimes.

FIRTH OF FORTH, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Oliphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain James Beer.—Captain.

TAWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jensen.—Apold, Karberg & Co.

CRAG, Arab, British barque, Capt. W. S. Hawking.—Oliphant & Co.

HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Edward Schellhass & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

CLIVE, British steamer, Captain N. Prowse.—Borneo Company, Limited.

S. R. BEARCE, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PHATON, British barque, Captain H. Scheel.—Wiele & Co.

CINGALEE, British barque, Captain John Le Couter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.

The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de20

## FOR YOKOHAMA &amp; HIAGO.

The British Steamer "BURMESE,"

shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de20

## FOR YOKOHAMA &amp; HIAGO.

The Steamship "GLENGYLE,"

Captain QUARLEY, due here on the 18th Instant, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de20

## FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMY."

Captain BLANCO, Master, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de20

## FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. I. German Bark "CONDOR"

Captains STEPHENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878. de20

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Hongkong, September 26, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL,

## CITY HALL,

## HONGKONG.

## SATURDAY EVENING,

December 14th, 1878.

Will be Reproduced for the Last Time this Season,

CHAS. LEOCQ'S EVER POPULAR COMIC OPERA

"LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT,"

In Three Acts.

Re-appearance of the Popular Comic Actor, MR. F. HAGEMAN.

First Appearance in China of the Australian Comedian, MR. H. V. FRANKLIN.

REMEMBER SATURDAY, Dec. 14th!

"La Fille de Madame Angot,"

The most popular Comic Opera ever written.

The Operas are produced under the sole direction of M. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs LANZ, CRAWFORD & CO.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra Stalls..... TWO DOLLARS.

Pit..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de15

## THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

## A FONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADAMALFRED P. RIDER and to H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

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ENLARGEMENTS are now being made in PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than the old perishable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting Instrument for the production of Children's Portraits.

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even an adverse wind may delay them indefinitely. Thus a merchant who is importing goods has to put on the side of Pahoi a clear gain of 26 days of time and almost absolute security in the safe carriage of his goods, against a cheaper but inferior route.

Appended to the report is Mr Piry's map of Kwangsi and that portion of the province of Kwangtung adjacent to Pahoi. The various trade routes are traced with blue lines, and a reference to the map places them very distinctly before the reader. We endorse the hope, with which the Commissioner concludes his report, that foreign commerce will grow at Pahoi far beyond its present limits, considerable as these already are, as soon as steamers begin to do the carrying now done by junks. One great drawback to the trade of the port hitherto, to which the Commissioner makes no reference, has been, we imagine, the difficulty, or rather the impossibility, of obtaining transit passes, the issue of which is provided for by Treaty.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]  
(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)  
BOMBAY, 11th Dec., 1878.

The Ameer has addressed a conciliatory reply to the Ultimatum of the British Government, which it is believed was re-written after the defeat at Ali-Masjid.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE O. & O. S. S. Gacia, with mails from San Francisco to Nov. 17th, will sail from Yokohama for this port at daylight to-morrow.

Mr Marco-Vita will give another performance to-morrow evening at the Garrison Theatre, when the "Professor" will explain several of his tricks, as well as the Cabinet mystery.

THE cases at the Police Court to-day were mostly uninteresting, consisting chiefly of breaches of the light and pass ordinance, hawking without license, and such minor offences.

A RACE for Open Ships' Boats will take place to-morrow, starting at 1 p.m., entrance fee \$5.00; course from Coalsheds at Kowloon around Green, Kow-e-chow, and Stonecutter's Islands, leaving all on starboard side, finishing at stern of Victor Emanuel. Post entries.

It will be observed that the Fancy-Bazaar in aid of the French Orphanage will be held to-morrow afternoon in St. Andrew's Hall, on which occasion the Band of the 74th Highlanders will play, by kind permission of Colonel Jago and the Officers. The Band will perform from 8 till 6 p.m. The following is the programme:—

Overture, ... *Fra Diavolo*, ... Auber  
Valse, ... *Tout à Vous*, ... Wildtenuel  
Selection, ... *Martha*, ... Flotow  
Valse, ... *Sweethearts*, ... D'Albert  
... *Reminiscences of Balf*, ...  
... *Spanish Danzas*, ...  
Galop, ... *Federhal*, ... Faust  
MR J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

## PASSENGERS BOOKED OUTWARDS.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer *Iroquio*, from Marseilles, Nov. 17.—To Yokohama: Mr Van der Pot. To Shanghai: Mr and Mrs Rouchaud, Mr and Mrs J. G. Morrison, Miss Morrison, Mr Faure, Mr J. Nagao, Mr Ralph, and Mr Beattie. To Hongkong: Mr Herbert F. Dent.

For Messageries Maritimes steamer from Marseilles, Dec. 1.—o Yokohama: Mr Souchard. To Shanghai: Mr Basses, Mr Guerry, Mr Bray, Mr and Mrs Glass, and three sons de Charle. To Hongkong: Sir John and Lady male, Mr and Mrs A. B. Johnson, and Mr Suhm.

Per E. & O. steamer *Nepaul*, from Southampton, Oct. 31.—To Hongkong: Capt. Gurne, Mr F. T. Foster, Sub-lieut. J. F. Stuart. To Shanghai: Rev. H. C. Deane, Mr C. E. Duffield. To Yokohama: Mr Rev. W. and Mrs Andrew. From Suez to Yokohama: Lord Clarence Paget, Mr E. J. Reed, M.P., Mr E. Reed, Jun.

It will be seen from an advertisement in another column that the Royal English Opera Company will produce "Le File de Madame Angot" at the City Hall Theatre to-morrow evening. Mr Vernon's benefit being postponed, Miss Stanley will take the part of "Clariette." Since their last performance the Company have engaged two new artists—Mr Franklin (Mr Vernon's brother), who arrived from Australia in the Somersets, and Mr Hageman, who has before played in the Company with considerable success, especially as "Laurivaudiere" in "La File de Madame Angot." Miss Agnes Draeger will, we understand, preside at the piano. Considering that this will probably be the last performance of the Company, with the exception of Mr Vernon's benefit, it is to be hoped the Company will be rewarded by a full house. The tickets are again sold by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

(London & China Express, Nov. 1st.)  
Latest Mail advice—Yokohama (*via* San Francisco) Sept. 21, Shanghai Sept. 8, Foochow Sept. 8, Hongkong Sept. 14. The French mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Marseilles, on the 23rd ult. The heavy portion of the previous mail reached Southampton, per P. and O.

Company's steamer *Kashgar*, on the 28th ult. The advices from Japan (*via* San Francisco) Sept. 20th ult. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing dates Yokohama 11th, Shanghai 15th, Hongkong 21st, Singapore 29th Sept., left Brindisi on the 30th ult., and will reach London on the 2nd inst., two days early. The following French mail, with a week's later dates, left Suez on the 26th ult., six days early.

The gunboat *Thistle*, from China, home-bound, arrived at Malta on the 25th ult.

Four Chinese of California have brought actions in the Circuit Court against the Sheriff for cutting off their pigtails during the recent incarceration of Chinamen in the criminal jail. The damages are laid at \$10,000. No more trials are to be cut off until the cases are decided.

The *Curlew*, 3, double-screw gun-vessel, Com. William McC. F. Castle, has arrived from the China Station. The *Curlew* was originally commissioned at Sheerness, March 28, 1871; left England on April 27, 1871; and was recommissioned at Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1874. She proceeds to Sheerness to be paid off.

The Deutsche Dampfschiffs Rhaderai (German Steamship Company) has met with a disaster; the steamer *Hesperia*, on her voyage from China to London, was telegraphed yesterday as having gone into dock at Port Said with damage, and private telegrams say that she has broken her main shaft, which it will be found difficult to replace there. The *Hesperia* had been advertised to sail again from here in November, and will now have to be replaced by another vessel.

A telegram from St. Petersburg states that the Russian newspapers are raising the question of rectifying the Russo-Chinese frontier. The late purveyor of supplies for the Chinese army has left Kuldja for St. Petersburg, the bearer, it is said, of projects relative to very important undertakings.

The appointment of Mr. Richard Temple Rennie, who has for some years been connected with the Bar at Shanghai, as Judge of the Supreme Court at Yokohama, and of Mr. Nicholas J. Hanrahan as Crown Advocate at Yokohama, we understand, be announced shortly.

We understand that Baron Overbeck has supplied the Foreign Office with the information required in reference to the Borneo concession, and the question of recognition by the British Government is now engaging the attention of the law officers of the Crown.

The *Thorn* has been launched by Mr. Robert Thomson, jun., Southwick, Sunderland. She is a handsomely modelled iron sailing barque, built to the order of Messrs. Dixon, Irwin and Co., of Liverpool. The following are her principal dimensions:—Length, 184 feet; breadth, 33 feet; depth of hold, 19 feet; 900 tons register. She has been built under special survey for the 100 A1 at Lloyd's. She has a raised quarter deck, and monkey forecastle; cabin aft, fitted up in first-class style; and large iron house amidships for the accommodation of crew. The vessel is fitted up with all the latest improvements, and is intended for the China trade.

Messrs. Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Company have launched from their yard at Jarrold a screw steamer of 2,300 tons. This vessel has been specially superintended during construction by Capt. Bolt, North Shields. Her engines, of about 150-horse power nominal, are from the same builders, and the vessel receives the highest class at Lloyd's both for hull and machinery. She has been specially built for long-voyage trades, but is also suitable for the Black Sea, Baltic, or Atlantic trades. She is to the order of Messrs. Lindsay, Gracie, and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was named the *Glenbere*.

The *Horace* was launched from the iron shipbuilding yard of Messrs. John Redhead and Co., of South Shields, on the 24th ult. She is a screw-steamer of the following dimensions:—Length 257 feet, breadth 34½ feet, and depth 19½ feet. The vessel is fitted with all the latest improvements, including steam winches, water ballast tanks, and iron decks fore and aft. She has been built very strongly, and will be classed 100 A 1 at Lloyds. The carrying capacity of the vessel is 2,250 tons. The *Horace* has been built to the order of Messrs. Groves, Maclean, and Co., West Hartlepool.

The *St. Mark*, an iron screw steamer, was launched on the 26th ult. by Messrs. Richardson, Duck, and Co., South Stockton. She has been built to the order of Messrs. Jimman and Co., of London, and is intended for the East Indian and China trades. Length over all 266 feet, 6 inches, length between perpendiculars 258 feet, extreme breadth 34 feet, depth in hold 22 feet 6 inches, and depth moulded 24 feet 6 inches; tonnage, o.t., 1,461 tons; tonnage gross, n.m., 1,876. She classed 100 A at Lloyds.

## INQUESTS.

The adjourned inquest on the body of Private Reid of the 74th Highlanders, who was found dead near the Commissariat Wharf on the night of the 9th instant, was resumed to-day before the Coroner (O. V. Creagh, Esquire), and the following Jury, Messrs. W. Mansson, E. Melby, and L. F. Barretto.

Dr Campbell, recalled, stated that he had made a post-mortem examination of the body, and found a large quantity of blood at the back of the brain. Three of the wounds upon the forefisted appeared to have been inflicted during life; there was strong presumptive evidence of that. The wound over the right temple was a post mortem wound. The only evidence of drowning was a small quantity of bloody, watery, and frothy fluid contained in the lungs. Witness did not consider that the evidence of death from drowning was at all firmly established. All the other organs were healthy. He did not think the injuries could have been caused by a fall from the pier, but they had the appearance of having been caused by some blunt instrument, they may have been caused by a stone. Witness could not positively state that death was not caused by drowning. If a man fell over the pier head foremost into the stony bottom the concussion would have accounted for some of the injuries.

By Inspector Bateman—There was a slight bruise on the left knee.

By an Officer—There was not above 6 ounces of fluid in the stomach, which I should imagine was best, but there was no sign of sulphurous liquor. There was nothing to show that he had been recently drinking to any extent.

P. C. Richard Brown put in a plan of the Commissariat &c.

John Flannigan, sworn, stated:—I am a private in the 74th Regiment. I have known the deceased about 12 years, and last saw him alive between half-past 8 and 9 o'clock; he was walking towards the Commissariat at the time. He had a parcel under his arm, and was walking rather smartly. He appeared to be quite sober.

Allen McLeod, sworn, stated:—I am lance corporal in the 74th. I last saw the deceased alive at past 6 o'clock of the 9th. He went into the Canteen and had a glass of porter, and I had sarsaparilla. Deceased pulled out three paper dollars and one silver dollar at the time and 14 copper cents. The drinks came to 16 cents.

Doctor Campbell said that there were only 20 cents found on the body.

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Complainant further stated that the defendant was a very bad-tempered man, that he had given great trouble during the past year, and in fact that two or three arrests had been made in the official log having reference to his misconduct. The Captain had very good-naturedly looked over this, but such conduct as the defendant had been guilty of on the present occasion could not be tolerated. The 2nd mate and two seamen gave corroborative evidence, and the defendant, who denied the charge, was sent to two months' hard labour.

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(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Dec. 13, 1878.

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The jury then proceeded to examine the spot where the body was found, and on their return the Coroner briefly reviewed the case; and the jury, having retired for a short time, returned a verdict that the deceased died from the injuries received but how he came by them there was no evidence to show.

## ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Sindeh*, Captain Monge, from Marseilles with the London mail of the 1st November, arrived here last night.

## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

(*Straits Times Extra.*)  
Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The Russian Ambassador has informed the Grand Vizier that the Russians will hold Adrianople and Thracian and a departure treaty will be concluded.

Perth, Nov. 15.—In a speech made by the President of the Hungarian Council of Ministers, he said that he hoped the Berlin Treaty will be punctually observed, otherwise Austria would not stand alone in an eventual struggle.

London, Nov. 16.—The *Morning Post* published a paragraph stating that the re-occupation of the North-West Frontier of India will consist of a permanent occupation of Quetta and Jellalabad by the British, and an establishment of British Residents at Cabul, Candahar, and Herat. The 42nd Regiment, now at Cyprus, has been ordered to Gibraltar. The despatch of extra batteries of Artillery to India, which had been ordered, has been postponed indefinitely. Major-General Willey has been appointed Commander of the forces in Ceylon. Lord Salisbury, replying to Mr Ewart respecting the Halifax Fishery Award, promised to take into consideration his representation on the subject of the Fisheries, and admits that Colonial legislation cannot over-ride the American rights laid down in the Treaty of Washington.

Constantinople, Nov. 16.—The Grand Council advise the Sultan to come to an amicable arrangement with Greece before the offer of the Great Powers to mediate is accepted. The assent of the Sultan is considered certain.

Rome, Nov. 17.—King Humbert on entering Naples to-day was stabbed by an assassin and slightly wounded. The President of the Italian Ministry seized the assassin, but was wounded in the thigh. The assassin was eventually arrested. The exact motive of the assassin is not yet known.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—The Russian press has been invited to moderate its attacks on the Powers, because it is contrary to Imperial Policy.

London, Nov. 20.—The Earl of Beaconsfield, in reply to representations made by Lord Lawrence, has declined to receive a deputation from the committee formed to obtain an expression of public opinion in favour of the immediate opening of Parliament, and declares that in case of war being declared Government will make such communication to Parliament as the letter and spirit of their acts and despatches seem to require.

The publication of the papers will be made before the 30th of November.

London, Nov. 21.—No reply having been received from the Amur to the Viceroy's Ultimatum, at a Cabinet Council held yesterday it was decided to order the advance of the British troops into Afghanistan.

A long despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated November 18th, and recapitulating the negotiations with the Amur since 1875, states that the Viceroy on assuming office was instructed to offer the Amur substantial subsidies, recognizing his dynasty, and pledging material support against unprovoked aggression, but demanding on the other hand the admission of British Agents at certain points except at Cabul.

Bombay, Nov. 21.—A special telegram dated Thuli, November 20, 1.30 p.m., states that Fort Kapion has just been occupied by our own troops. No resistance was offered by the enemy, who retired hurriedly at twelve last night. The Government announce that orders have been issued to the troops to cross the frontier at all points this morning.

London, Nov. 22.—The Halifax Fishery Award, which President Hayes ordered to be paid on the 23rd, but over which considerable correspondence exists between the English and American Governments has passed, has been paid by the latter under protest.

London, Nov. 22.—The Cabinet decided to summon Parliament for an extraordinary session in December, on account of the war with Afghanistan.

London, Nov. 22.—The Peshawar force advanced yesterday morning. Sir Sam. Browne, with the head-quarters and the 1st Brigade, moved direct on the Pass. The first and second Brigades under General Macpherson made a wide detour to the

right to occupy Rhotas hill, above Ali Masjid, and cut off the retreat of the garrison. The difficulties of the road are great, and delayed the advance. General Browne occupied Shahi ridge without opposition, and found the Amur's troops strongly posted at Ali Masjid. He shelled Ali Masjid, and extended some troops to engage the enemy's attention, and so held him, but delayed the attack, awaiting the arrival of the other columns at their assigned positions.

London, Nov. 23.—Parliament is summoned to meet for an extraordinary session on December 5th. Mr Gladstone has published a letter asserting that the British Government has broken down and trodden under foot the Act of 1858. The *Times* warmly approves the declaration of the Viceroy with respect to Afghan independence. Consuls closed at 9.30.

Vienna, Nov. 23.—The Chancellor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in replying to



Mails.

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Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

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Shanghai, December 2, 1878. dols4

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THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the CHINESE MAIL, 日報 (Wah Tsai Yat Po), ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHON AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has leased the CHINESE MAIL from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHUH, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG OHIM,

Leases of the CHINESE MAIL.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent,

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Hongkong, July 6, 1870.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Size.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Stearns	5	Stewart	Brit. str.	843	Dec. 13	Linstead & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Amoy	6	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Dec. 12	Siemssen & Co.	Singapore	17th 3 p.m.
Arronat Apac	6	Mactavish	Brit. str.	1832	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Calcutta	Ab'de'en Dock
Asia	5	Djorup	Dan. str.	880	Dec. 12	Siemssen & Co.	Swatow	5th Inst.
Atalanta	2	Petersen	Ger. str.	783	Dec. 12	Meyer & Co.	Hollow & Ralphson	Cost'n Dock
Bomby	5	Alderton	Brit. str.	1036	Dec. 12	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Malacca
Clive	2	Prowse	Brit. str.	810	Dec. 12	Borneo Company, Limited	Singapore	Ab'de'en Dock
Commonwealth	5	Smith	Brit. str.	1401	Dec. 12	3 Meyer & Co.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Danube	2	Clanchy	Brit. str.	564	Dec. 12	Yuen Fat Hong	Manila	Tug Plyng To-day
Esmeralda	5	Cullen	Brit. str.	395	Dec. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	17th 8 p.m.
Fame	6	Stoppani	Brit. str.	117	Dec. 12	H. K. & W. Pos Dock Co.	Shanghai	16th daylight
Glenlyon	6	Wallace	Brit. str.	1373	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Calcutta	To-morrow
Hakon Adelsten	5	Borgh	Norw. str.	1094	Nov. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Singapore	To-day
Lee Yue	5	Tidale	Chi. str.	734	Dec. 12	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	17th, 8 p.m.
Mory	5	Butcher	Brit. str.	1427	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Calcutta	16th, daylight
Namoa	5	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Dec. 12	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Coast Ports</